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§9-729.

- (a) This section does not apply to a claim involving a temporary disability.
- (b) If the Commission finds that a lump-sum payment is warranted under the facts and circumstances of a claim, the Commission may order that compensation payable to a covered employee or the dependents of a covered employee be converted to a partial or total lump sum.
- (c) If the Commission grants a lump-sum payment under this section in a claim involving permanent total disability or death, the Commission shall:
 - (1) reduce the weekly rate of compensation until the amount of the lump sum would have been paid if it had been paid in weekly payments; and
 - (2) determine in the award:
 - (i) the dollar amount and the number of weeks to be paid by the employer or its insurer at the reduced weekly rate; and
 - (ii) if payments are made from the Subsequent Injury Fund, the dollar amount and the number of weeks to be paid by the Subsequent Injury Fund at the reduced weekly rate.
- (d) An award may not be discounted because of a lump-sum payment.

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